

ALL THE NEWS AND GOSSIP IN THE SPORTING WORLD

FOOTBALL RULES
AGAIN DISCUSSEDCommittee Fails to Reach
Definite Understanding.

FORWARD PASS TO STAY

Solons Hold All Day Session in New
York and Will Try to Clean Up
To-day—Four Period Plan Not in
Favor—Coach Stag Tells of Ex-
periments in the South.

New York, March 25.—The official football reformers, the same comprising the American Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee, were in session for hours at the Hotel Cumberland to-day and, with a full quota, again wrestling with the big question as to how the rules should be changed, so as to make the game less dangerous and yet keep it a good game.

There was a morning and afternoon session, and after adjournment for the day, Secretary Hall announced that the committee had advanced far enough in the work in reconstruction to take a final vote on any of the suggested changes. Whether the committee completes its work at this session is doubtful. If it does it will have to crowd a lot of work in to-morrow's proceedings, but with that end in view, the legislators will rush from an early breakfast in the morning and convene again at 8:30 o'clock.

The committee as it assembled to-day was composed of M. M. Dennis, Cornell chairman; E. K. Hall, Dartmouth, secretary; Walter Camp, Yale; Crawford Blagden, Harvard; John C. Bell, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Carl Williams, in the afternoon, Lieut. Berren, Navy; H. H. Hackett, representing West Point; A. A. Stage, University of Chicago; J. A. Babbitt, Haverford; W. A. Lambeth, University of Virginia; C. W. Savage, Oberlin; Dr. H. L. Williams, University of Minnesota; and W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt University.

Other football notables, as the corridors were filled with, West Point; H. D. Watson, Yale; Bill Roper, the best coach Princeton ever had; Melville Webb, Jr., George Herbert Daley, the golf cup winner, and Frank O'Connell, the sage of Herald Square.

Comforting words from Mr. Hall regarding progress in stimulating the troublesome patient to new life were: "We were getting nearer." Yet Mr. Hall was obliged to deal in generalities in answer to questions as to what had been done.

"We discussed all sorts of possible changes, and while no final vote was taken on anything, there were votes with the idea of getting at the sense of the star points. One thing we had in view was to see whether there were certain questions which we could eliminate from further consideration. It is possible that with a long session to-morrow we shall get through, and another possibility is that we shall find we can't get through and adjourn early for a later meeting.

Several of the committee men say they can't get away for a third meeting, so every effort will be made to clean up to-day."

During the afternoon session the committee sent out for a blackboard and plenty of chalk, and formations were discussed by means of diagrams. The day's discussions hinged largely around the forward pass, whether or not it should be retained, and what bearing it would have on the new game if retained. It is said the West is for the retention of the forward pass, while there is a strong feeling in the East against it, but on that score all hands were noncommittal. One Eastern member did say, however, that the forward pass, in some form or other, would be retained.

Stagg Tells of Experiments.

Stagg made a verbal report on his experiments in the South with proposed changes, and the committee, according to a delegate, felt that his work had not been in vain. Asked if anybody was in favor of abolishing the forward pass, Mr. Hall replied:

"I don't recall that it was discussed on that basis. A general policy and fundamentals were discussed rather than details."

There were no new suggestions since the last meeting, and the grouped suggestions from the former meeting were not discussed as groups, but more to the best of them as a whole.

Lieut. Nelly, of West Point, expressed the opinion in the morning that the suggested four-period plan would not add to the attractiveness of the game. It was his belief that the first period would

TWO BIG FEATURES
IN HERALD TO-MORROW.

The sporting section of The Washington Herald to-morrow will contain two intensely interesting feature stories in addition to twenty reports of local and out-of-town ball games.

John R. Robinson, batting Nelson's manager, former sporting editor of the New York Telegraph, will tell the fight fans of Jeffries' present condition and what the Coast experts think of the outcome of the big battle.

Nelson M. Shepard, former Georgetown carman, will compare this year's crew with the last Poughkeepsie eight, and forecast the Blue and Gray's chances of winning this Aquatic classic.

TIGERS OUTPLAY VIRGINIA.

Princeton Team Beats Southern Uni-

versity in Pitchers' Battle.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlottesville, Va., March 25.—Princeton defeated Virginia to-day 5 to 2. The contest was a pitchers' battle between Steve White and Witmer, in which the former got a shade the better of the argument. The Virginia twirler received miserable support, Princeton earning only one run. The Tigers put up a remarkably clever fielding game, the work of the entire infield being almost up to mid-season form.

Reed, short, and Warwick, at second, gathered up several hot ones that looked to be hits. Virginia's two runs came in the sixth. Witmer led off with a hit and Pickford was safe on Warwick's fumble of a hot grounder. Both romped home when Reed threw low to first, the ball going to the running track.

Cunningham made the only extra base hit for Princeton. In the third inning, with Bard on second, he lined out a triple. Pritchett put up a great game in left field, accepting six difficult chances.

Score:

R. H. E.

Virginia..... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 6 2 3 7

Princeton..... 0 1 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 5 7 3

Batter: Virginia—Witmer, Rohan, and Mel-

tore; Princeton—White and Warner.

GEORGETOWN PLAYS TIGERS.

Hilltoppers and Princeton Primed

for the Battle.

Georgetown opens its big Easter season series against the strong Princeton team this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the Georgetown grounds. The expected turn for the better in the playing of the locals came in their game against Ursinus, and one of the best battles in years between the two rivals in baseball can be expected. Still Georgetown is not as strong as formerly, and the fact that the Tigers are supposed to have an unusually fast team will make them the favorites, as far as betting goes, in this afternoon's contest.

Georgetown's never-say-die spirit has won them many a game in the past, and she can be looked upon to give the New Jersey lads a hard tussle and a probable defeat.

The Princeton team arrived in town last night and are quartered at the Shoreham.

They are in tiptop condition for to-day's contest.

To avoid standing at the ticket window on the campus, tickets are on sale at Hickman & White's, in Fourteenth street.

The line-up of the teams follows:

Georgetown—Hunt, right field; Murphy, center field; Sitterling, third base; Dugan, left field; Mender, catcher; Cogan, second base; Gibson, shortstop; Fennan, first base; Gray, pitcher.

Princeton—Bullin, right field; Bard, center field; Stovett, left field; Reed, shortstop; Varetzki, second base; White, third base; Dawson, catcher; Cunningham, first base; White, pitcher.

St. John's Wins Another.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Stamton, Va., March 25.—It took St. John's best efforts on the diamond here to-day to defeat Staunton Military Academy Preparatory School. The home team had Annapolis beat until the very last inning by the score of 5 to 3, but Wilson knocked a home run over the fence and brought in two men, thus winning the day, 6 to 5. The visitors played an errorless game, while the locals made only two errors. St. John's plays the Virginia Military Institute to-morrow.

Tremont Midgets Lose.

The Tremont Midgets were defeated yesterday by the Seventh Street Stars.

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Final Decision to Be Announced
Next Thursday—Herrmann, John-
son, et al. Cannot Decide Upon Pen-
alty—Other Matters Disposed of by
Baseball's Highest Tribunal.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 25.—The national baseball commission adjourned this afternoon without reaching a decision in the now famous Kling case. The members of the commission, however, have agreed to have written individual opinions ready Monday. These will be compared and a general opinion arrived at. This final opinion, it was announced, would be given out Thursday to the newspaper associations. Just where the hitch in the Kling case is cannot be learned. It was reported earlier in the day that Kling would be reinstated, but would have to pay a heavy penalty for his long absence from the game.

Just what punishment should be meted out to Kling is believed to be the question upon which the three members of the commission cannot agree. Chairman Herrmann stated late to-day that the commission had all the evidence it desired, but refused to tell why a final decision in the matter was not forthcoming. Realizing that they would not come to an early agreement, the commission made arrangements to stay in their rooms until they could reach some agreement, but because of the oppressive heat finally decided to postpone the matter altogether.

The members of the commission appeared to be greatly worried and disgusted with the whole case.

Before touching the Kling matter, the commission decided upon rules covering the awarding of prizes to the two champion batsmen of the National and American leagues. No infielder or outfielder can compete for the two autos offered by a Detroit firm unless they have been at the bat at least 350 times, while a catcher must go to bat 250 times and a pitcher 100 times. The commission also decided that the Portsmouth club must pay \$50 to the Canton club, which it was found was the title holder of Chester A. Spencer, bought by the New York Nationals.

Chairman Herrmann was authorized by the other two members of the commission—Johnson and Lynch—to formulate and promulgate the final finding next week, and frame their own and his opinions. Herrmann will strike an average, so to speak, from these opinions regarding the penalty, which is undoubtedly the sticking point. Johnson is probably the most severe in his suggestions in this connection, and Herrmann the least severe.

ATTRACTIONS AT OLD POINT.

Norfolk and Washington Steamers

Carry Many Washingtonians.

There is a perfect galaxy of attractions at and about Old Point and Norfolk for Washingtonians. The Nationals are getting their spring practice at Norfolk, a fact that is serving to fill the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company's boats on every trip. The first of the month will find an added attraction in the meet of the Jamestown Jockey Club, which will be held at Norfolk.

The races will continue until April 14, and the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company will offer for the special benefit of race-goers \$3.50 round trip tickets, good until April 15. These will be sold March 30 and 31.

To those who have been awaiting a favorable opportunity to go to Norfolk to see the Nationals at practice, this chance should prove unusually tempting, since it will also enable one to enjoy the races at the same time.

Service via the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company vessels is daily, the sailing hour being at 6:45 p. m. Connections are formed at Norfolk with Old Dominion Lines for New York, and Merchants and Miners' steamships for Boston and Providence.

The wharf office is located at the foot of Seventh street; the uptown office at 720 Fourteenth street, first floor of the Bond Building.

Olympia A. C. Wins Game.

The Olympia Athletic Club defeated the Business High School reserves in a rather loosely played game yesterday afternoon on the Sunday School League grounds. The score was 15 to 10. Smith pitched for the Olympia team, while Marko was on the mound for the losers.

BOB GROOM SIGNS UP

Nationals' Twirler Comes to
Terms at Last.

MEET NORFOLK CLUB TO-DAY

Washington Players Will Break
Camp Sunday, Leaving for Rich-
mond—Wid Conroy Off for Capital.
Ohl, Miller, and Crooks Will Quit
Club To-night for Washington.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., March 25.—This was signing-up day for those members of the Nationals who had not affixed their signatures to contracts, and it would seem that there were a good many of them. T. C. Noyes, the club president, came to town on business and to see the men at practice.

McAleer refused to personally sign any members of this year's Nationals, on account of his lack of intimate knowledge of the men, and that duty fell upon the club president. It did not take Mr. Noyes long to get down to business with the men. He invited all whom he had to see to his room in the Monticello Hotel, and as there were no differences to be patched up, things moved along smoothly and expeditiously. Most of the men had agreed to terms before the club came to Norfolk, and they knew just what they were to get.

Among the signers was Bob Groom. He signed in accordance with the agreement reached between himself and Manager McAleer yesterday.

The last member of the team had affixed his signature to a contract before the president had been here very long. Mr. Noyes declared that there never had been any trouble with any of the men as to signing.

The president was out to the park in the morning to see the work-out. It was the first opportunity that he had of seeing this year's Nationals in action. He was much pleased with the appearance of the team. It struck him as being a speedy lot of ball players, and he is expecting much of them this year. He had never seen a team that looked faster. He congratulated McAleer on what he had accomplished, and did not think that there is a big league team in the country that has rounded into form faster.

Other Distinguished Visitors.

Here with Mr. Noyes were Judge A. M. Gould, of the District Supreme Court, and Louis Dent, auditor of the court. Mr. Noyes and his friends expect to see the game here to-morrow between the Nationals and the Norfolk State League team. The game will be a good one, and the Nationals will have to speed up a little to win. The Norfolk team is a strong one for a minor, and has now had ten days of good practice.

The Nationals' batting order follows:

Brown, center field.
Schuler, second base.
Leivelt, left field.
Gessler or Milan, right field.
Unglaub, first base.
Elberfeld, third base.
McBride, shortstop.
Street or Hardy, catcher.
Oberlin, Gray, or Groom, pitcher.

Conroy Leaves Norfolk.

Conroy left here for Washington to-night and will meet the team there on its return home. He was not feeling well, and did not join in the practice to-day, but is not a sick man. He was told by McAleer several days ago that he could go home to-night.

Ohl, Miller, and Crooks are others who will not go to Richmond with the team, but will leave here for Washington to-morrow night. McAleer does not expect to need them for the two days which the team will be in Richmond.

Camp will be broken here Sunday afternoon, the team leaving for Richmond at 4:30 o'clock. The weather here this week could not have been improved upon for practice, and the team has rounded into form splendidly. They will not work out to-morrow morning.

Giants Back in Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., March 25.—The Giants returned to baseball civilization to-day, McGraw's big squad being a part of the diamond army that made the Oriental Hotel its headquarters. Dallas for a few hours rivalled Hot Springs as a resort for famous athletes, as O'Connor and the St. Louis Browns and Al Orth, commanding a batch of Indianapolis players, were in town when the Giants arrived. Not until the other two teams moved out to-night could the Giants find a place to lay their weary heads.

To-morrow Robinson and his colts will meet the Dallas team, with Dickson, Klawitter, and Mathewson as pitchers. McGraw will take the regulars over to Fort Worth.

Phillies, 12; Richmond, 2.

Richmond, Va., March 25.—The Philadelphia National Leaguers indulged in a batting practice this afternoon at the expense of the Richmond team. The final score was, Philadelphia, 12; Richmond, 2. Score by innings:

R. H. E.

Richmond..... 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 6 2 9 6

Philadelphia..... 0 1 2 2 0 0 2 12 13 2

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Jacksonville.

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Sandpiper..... 104

Dore Allen..... 115

Rider..... 104

Birdsayer..... 107

Eliot..... 115

John A. Munro..... 114

SECOND RACE—Four and one-half furlongs.

Mis Von der Herten..... 106

Hawkins..... 106

Bodger..... 107

Ellerker..... 112

Good Ace..... 112

James Mc..... 112

Dedale..... 112

Darling..... 112

Golden Baby..... 113

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs.

Top Note..... 107

Tom McGrath..... 106

Rural Onyx..... 107

Jack Parker..... 109

FOURTH RACE—One mile.

Doris Knight..... 107

Aronack..... 107

Polly..... 107

Any Fidget..... 109

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Spendida..... 107

M. J. Whalen..... 107

Winglocking..... 107

Bosman Queen..... 109

Harry Crossed..... 109

Gondie Lee..... 107

Miss Poplar..... 113

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Pine Footstep..... 105

Aronack..... 109

Earl's Court..... 104

Dr. J. B. Jones..... 109

Cameo..... 111

SEVENTH RACE—One and one-half miles.

Gerrymander..... 101

Manie Algon..... 107

Orango..... 109

Goldenside..... 109

Oberlin..... 113

San Francisco.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs.

El Paso..... 107

La Petite..... 111

Criso..... 105

Salony Jane..... 109

Tina H..... 109

Mamie Mack..... 109

Elodia B..... 103

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs.

Bela..... 109

Lady Henseler..... 109

Aronack..... 111

Lucky..... 109

Silver Grain..... 106

Pauca Hall..... 107

Kudline..... 109

THIRD RACE—Futurity course.

Raghu..... 110

Arthur Ross..... 113

Goldmine..... 109

Sever..... 115

Rit of Fortune..... 108

Gilbert Rose..... 106

Bosman..... 109

FOURTH RACE—One mile.

Nadaw..... 108

Pail Mohr..... 105

Custer Knight..... 106

Silver Knight..... 105

Right Eye..... 106

FIFTH RACE—One and one-half miles.

Mr. Bishop..... 107

Whidder..... 104

Radation..... 107

Key Moving..... 113

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Blased..... 108

Hamasas..... 109

Goodship..... 108

Metropolitan..... 109

Foster..... 109

Kid North..... 107

JACKSONVILLE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Five and one-half furlongs.

Erasmus, 5 to 1, won; Tel Boy, 120 (Therap), 3 to 1, second; Pedigree, 106 (Dreyer), 10 to 1, third; Time, 1:28. Moore, Tree Joli, Bon Baker, Couquetti, Cogan, Away, and After All also ran.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs. Col. Ashland, 104 (Adams), 12 to 1, won; Autumn Rose, 107 (Overt), 3 to 5, second; Belle Maw, 30 (Davis), 2 to 1, third; Time, 1:13. Miss Lewis, Lady McNally, Col. Jet, Mopeth, Diction, Herdman, Bright Start, Bonnie Bee, and Mary's Lamb also ran.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs. Jane Swift, 113 (Adams), 5 to 1, won; Tel Boy, 120 (Therap), 3 to 1, second; Dolly Bullman, 10 (Henry), 20 to 1, third; Time, 1:13. Miss Lewis, Lady McNally, Col. Jet, Mopeth, Diction, Herdman, Bright Start, Bonnie Bee, and Mary's Lamb also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs. Martinez, 109 (Davis), 13 to 10, won; Duke of Ormonde, 106 (Powers), 7 to 1, second; Milton B., 115 (Overt), 3 to 1, third; Time, 1:14. Pulka, Anvari, Alred the Great, Bang, and Grandissimo also ran.

FIFTH RACE—One and one-half miles. Turncoat, 105 (Overt), 9 to 5, won; Grace Kimball, 30 (Gans), 10 to 1, second; Orlie, 111 (Grand), 5 to 1, third; Time, 1:43.35. Frazz, Schless, Taison, Mr. Ed, Richmond, and Ketchikan also ran.

SIXTH RACE—One mile and a quarter. St. Ilario, 124 (Davenport), 9 to 2, won; Eudymion, 120 (Tran), 12 to 1, second; Sir Cobby, 17 (Powers), 4 to 1, third; Time, 2:27.35. Agreement, Alauda, Oroneka, Grandia, and Foreward also ran.

SAN FRANCISCO RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Futurity course. Woodland, 118 (Mentri), 25 to 1, won; Redondo, 120 (Williams), 12 (Thomas), 5 to 1, second; Aragonese, 106 (Keogh), 5 to 1, third; Time, 6:42. Mine, Witrode, San Ana, Penda, Oland, and Ketchikan also ran.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs. Akas, 104 (Ben), 102 (Gross), 8 to 5, won; Miss Officious, 100 (Kedler), 2 to 1, second; Bayou, 22 (Martini), 15 to 1, third; Time, 1:24.35. Wap, Cocksure, Pelligro, Special Delivery, Legatee, Aftermath, Gene Russell, Andy Davern, and Sarchesno also ran.

COLLEGE TEAMS IN TOWN.

Princeton and Cornell Ball Tossers